Dwindling tourist traffic in States

2299. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken note of the dwindling tourist traffic in different States, especially the bird and wild life sanctuaries and National Parks in Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(b) if so, which particular tourist spots in different States have come to adverse notice over the last three years on the National Tourism Radar, indicating the main tourist attractions of each tourist resort and how far the tourist traffic has dwindled during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per the information received from the State Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat, while no data on tourist traffic to Bird and Wild life Sanctuaries and National Parks is maintained by the State of Maharashtra, in case of Gujarat there is no dwindling of tourist traffic in the State. In case of Rajasthan, while the general tourist arrival to the State is showing increasing trend since 2002, at a few tourist places there are fluctuations over the years.

(b) Tourist traffic to Bird/Wild life Sanctuaries and National Parks in Rajasthan is indicated below:—

Sl. No.	Tourist Place	Year		
		2002	2003	2004
1.	Alwar	123115	183762	205986
2.	Sariska	14910	8421	8992
3.	Swai Madhopur	54817	48653	111373
4.	Bharatpur	66542	79285	107216

Development of pilgrim centres as tourist attractions

2300. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any list of pilgrim centres as prime tourist attractions in the country;

(b) the number of temples identified as major tourist attractions in Tamil Nadu;